

REMARKS

The Office action of March 16, 2004 has been received and its contents carefully noted.

Claims 1-16 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 4, 10, 12-14, and 16 have been amended.

Claim 16 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being unpatentable over Masahiro (JP 86638). Claims 1-3, and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Masahiro. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections, and request allowance thereof in the continuation prosecution application for the following reasons.

The Claims are Patentable Over the Cited References

Claim 16 is not anticipated by Masahiro

Claim 16 stands rejected under § 102(b) in view of Masahiro. Applicants strongly contend that Masahiro fails to disclose the features recited in these claims as amended such as a console box that is provided in a position sandwiched between a plurality of seats within the mobile body, wherein the console box installs at least one desired device including associated operating means for said device.

Masahiro does not teach nor suggest this patentably distinct feature of the console box installing at least one desired device including associated operating means for said device. As disclosed and illustrated throughout Masahiro, the storing case 5a only

supports a television receiver (display) 1 or food/drink for the passengers of the vehicle. As clearly illustrated in FIG. 2, the TV receiver 1 of Masahiro is simply a TV display screen and does not include any operating means in direct contrast to the recited feature of the console box installing at least one desired device including associated operating means for said device. Therefore, Masahiro completely omits the recited feature of including associated operating means for the device as the TV display (receiver) 1 held by the storing case 5a is simply a TV display without any associated operation means.

Therefore, it is clear that Masahiro does not teach nor suggest the recited feature making the claimed invention patentably distinct and non-obvious from this reference.

Claims 1-3, and 13 are not made obvious by Masahiro

Claims 1-3, and 13 stand rejected under § 103(a) in view of Masahiro. Applicants strongly contend that Masahiro fails to disclose the features recited in these claims as amended such as an installing means, which is provided in a position sandwiched between a driver's seat and an assistant driver's seat, and is able to dispose therein a desired device including associated operating means for said device.

Masahiro does not teach nor suggest this patentably distinct feature of the installing means able to dispose therein a desired device including associated operating means for said device. As

disclosed and illustrated throughout Masahiro, the storing case 5a only supports a television receiver (display) 1 or food/drink for the passengers of the vehicle. As clearly illustrated in FIG. 2, the TV receiver 1 of Masahiro is simply a TV display screen and does not include any operating means in direct contrast to the recited feature of the installing means able to dispose therein a desired device including associated operating means for said device. Therefore, Masahiro completely omits the recited feature of including associated operating means for the device as the TV display (receiver) 1 held by the storing case 5a is simply a TV display without any associated operation means.

Therefore, it is clear that Masahiro does not teach nor suggest the recited feature making the claimed invention patentably distinct and non-obvious from this reference.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments and remarks submitted above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the remaining claims are allowable and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees

required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 to discuss the application.

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